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TIME TABLE

WEEK DAYS

7.30 a.m.	7.10 a.m.	every 15 minutes	Stop
7.30 " to 8.00 "	8.00 "	" 10 "	" ping "
8.00 " to 8.30 "	8.30 "	" 10 "	" Non Stop "
8.30 " to 8.47 "	8.47 "	" 15 "	" Stopping "
8.47 " to 8.54 "	8.54 "	" 7 "	" Non Stop "
8.54 " to 9.04 "	9.04 "	" 10 "	" Stopping "
9.04 " to 9.11 "	9.11 "	" 7 "	" Non Stop "
9.11 " to 9.20 "	9.20 "	" 9 "	" Stopping "
9.20 a.m. to 11.00 "	11.00 "	every 10 minutes	Stop
11.00 " to 11.30 "	11.30 "	" 15 "	" ping "
11.30 " to 12.40 "	12.40 "	" 10 "	" Non Stop "
12.40 " to 12.47 "	12.47 "	" 7 "	" Stopping "
12.47 " to 12.57 "	12.57 "	" 10 "	" Non Stop "
12.57 " to 1.04 "	1.04 "	" 7 "	" Stopping "
1.04 " to 1.12 "	1.12 "	" 8 "	" Non Stop "
1.12 " to 1.20 "	1.20 "	" 8 "	" Stopping "
1.20 p.m. to 4.30 "	4.30 "	every 10 minutes	Stop
4.30 " to 4.40 "	4.40 "	" 10 "	" ping "
4.40 " to 4.47 "	4.47 "	" 7 "	" Non Stop "
4.47 " to 4.57 "	4.57 "	" 10 "	" Stopping "
4.57 " to 5.04 "	5.04 "	" 7 "	" Non Stop "
5.04 " to 5.13 "	5.13 "	" 9 "	" Stopping "
5.13 " to 5.20 "	5.20 "	" 7 "	" Non Stop "
5.20 " to 5.30 "	5.30 "	" 10 "	" Stopping "
5.30 " to 5.37 "	5.37 "	" 7 "	" Non Stop "
5.37 " to 5.47 "	5.47 "	" 10 "	" Stopping "
5.47 " to 5.54 "	5.54 "	" 7 "	" Non Stop "
5.54 " to 6.03 "	6.03 "	" 9 "	" Stopping "
6.03 " to 6.10 "	6.10 "	" 7 "	" Non Stop "

SUNDAYS

7.30 a.m.	7.10 a.m.	every 15 minutes	Stop
7.30 " to 8.00 "	8.00 "	" 10 "	" ping "
8.00 " to 8.30 "	8.30 "	" 10 "	" Non Stop "
8.30 " to 8.47 "	8.47 "	" 15 "	" Stopping "
8.47 " to 8.54 "	8.54 "	" 7 "	" Non Stop "
8.54 " to 9.04 "	9.04 "	" 10 "	" Stopping "
9.04 " to 9.11 "	9.11 "	" 7 "	" Non Stop "
9.11 " to 9.20 "	9.20 "	" 9 "	" Stopping "
9.20 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.	1.00 p.m.	every 10 minutes	Stop
1.00 p.m. to 1.30 "	1.30 "	" 15 "	" ping "
1.30 " to 1.40 "	1.40 "	" 10 "	" Non Stop "
1.40 " to 1.47 "	1.47 "	" 7 "	" Stopping "
1.47 " to 1.57 "	1.57 "	" 10 "	" Non Stop "
1.57 " to 2.04 "	2.04 "	" 7 "	" Stopping "
2.04 " to 2.12 "	2.12 "	" 8 "	" Non Stop "
2.12 " to 2.20 "	2.20 "	" 8 "	" Stopping "
2.20 p.m. to 5.30 "	5.30 "	every 10 minutes	Stop
5.30 " to 5.40 "	5.40 "	" 10 "	" ping "
5.40 " to 5.47 "	5.47 "	" 7 "	" Non Stop "
5.47 " to 5.57 "	5.57 "	" 10 "	" Stopping "
5.57 " to 6.04 "	6.04 "	" 7 "	" Non Stop "
6.04 " to 6.13 "	6.13 "	" 9 "	" Stopping "
6.13 " to 6.20 "	6.20 "	" 7 "	" Non Stop "
6.20 " to 6.30 "	6.30 "	" 10 "	" Stopping "
6.30 " to 6.37 "	6.37 "	" 7 "	" Non Stop "
6.37 " to 6.47 "	6.47 "	" 10 "	" Stopping "
6.47 " to 6.54 "	6.54 "	" 7 "	" Non Stop "
6.54 " to 7.03 "	7.03 "	" 9 "	" Stopping "
7.03 " to 7.10 "	7.10 "	" 7 "	" Non Stop "

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TIME TABLE.

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	FOON	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon	6.41	8.35	9.15	10.28	12.00	1.18	4.34	5.37	7.09
Yau Ma Tei	6.51	8.45	9.25	10.38	12.09	1.27	4.43	5.37	7.20
Shatin	7.03	8.57	9.38	10.50	12.21	1.39	4.55	5.50	7.32
Tai Po	7.17	9.11	9.52	11.03	12.34	1.52	5.08	6.03	7.45
Tai Po Market	7.22	9.16	9.57	11.08	12.38	1.56	5.12	6.07	7.49
Fanling	7.33	9.27	10.08	11.19	12.48	2.06	5.23	6.17	7.59
Sheung Shui	7.38	9.32	10.13	11.23	12.53	2.10	5.27	6.21	8.03
Shum Chun	7.44	9.38	10.19	11.29	12.58	2.16	5.33	6.27	8.09

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Shum Chun	7.22	8.06	9.28	10.37	11.40	2.58	4.36	5.12	6.05
Sheung Shui	7.29	8.13	9.34	10.44	11.47	3.05	4.44	5.19	6.12
Fanling	7.38	8.22	9.43	10.53	11.56	3.10	4.49	5.25	6.17
Tai Po	7.43	8.27	9.48	10.58	12.02	3.21	5.01	5.36	6.27
Tai Po Market	7.47	8.31	9.52	11.03	12.07	3.27	5.08	5.37	6.31
Shatin	8.00	8.44	10.05	11.16	12.21	3.40	5.23	5.50	6.44
Yau Ma Tei	8.14	8.58	10.19	11.29	12.34	3.53	5.37	6.02	6.56
Kowloon	8.23	9.07	10.28	11.38	12.42	4.01	5.45	6.10	7.04

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	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.		A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Fanling	7.45	11.30	2.30	5.30	Shataukok	6.30	10.15	1.05	5.00
Shataukok	8.40	12.25	3.15	7.15	Fanling	7.35	11.10	2.00	5.55

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HOME INCOME TAX.

SIX MONTHS' CONCESSION ABOLISHED.

LONDON, February 23rd.

The Inland Revenue authorities have
thrown a bombshell by the announcement
that people who reside for less than six
months in England are liable to pay In-
come Tax.

Many hundreds of people have hitherto
evaded payment by spending five (sic) and
a quarter months abroad, usually in the
South of France, the Exchequer thereby
losing hundreds of thousands of pounds.

The Banks have now been ordered to
collect Income Tax from all dividends
received on behalf of "clients who flee."
The income tax situation with regard
to residents on furlough is unchanged,
the tightening of the scheme applying to
the people domiciled in England and liv-
ing abroad for short periods.

HIGH DUTIES ON BRITISH GOODS.

LONDON, February 20th.

In the House of Lords today, Earl
Beauchamp, who is an advocate of free
trade, drew attention to the high duties
levied on British goods under preferential
tariffs when they entered the Dominions
and to Indian tariffs.

Lord Arnold, replying, stated that the
preference ranged from three per cent. in
the case of South Africa, to twenty-five
in the case of Australia. Neither New-
foundland nor India had granted Britain
any preference.

He stated that the average
actual amount of duty collected on
British goods, entitled to preference, and
entering the four Dominions was approx-
imately ten per cent. ad valorem. After
a long analysis of all aspects of tariff and
preference, Lord Arnold expressed the
opinion that the Dominions on the whole
had arranged their tariffs so as to favour
British goods against foreign, but the
duties in many cases were still high after
preference had been deducted, while in a
case where it had been decided to protect
Dominion industries, either no preference
or an insignificant preference was accorded.

He was not suggesting a complaint,
however, against the Dominions who had
complete freedom to settle their own
affairs.

Lord Olivier stated that a Tariff Com-
mittee was to be established in India.
The question of giving preference would
possibly be raised, but he held out little
hope from that.

Lord Olivier, continuing, pointed out
that the Indian tariff was ostensibly for
revenue purposes. Consequently no con-
cession or preference could be given with-
out finding an alternative source of re-
venue. The question of giving preference
might doubtless be raised before the
Tariff Committee but as far as he was
able to judge the advantages of the pre-
ference now granted to the Government
of India under the existing scheme were
insufficient to offer a great temptation to
the Government of India to make any
considerable alteration in their tariff sys-
tem in the direction of preference unless
a line was taken which he thought was
unlikely to be taken and preference given
on tariffs affecting foodstuffs and other
products which were the principal exports
of India. No amount of discussion regard-
ing the wisdom or expediency of any
line of preferential tariff in India would
effect the question because it was a matter
which rested entirely with the Government
of India.

The Duke of Devonshire deprecated the
suggestion that the assistance the Domini-
ons had granted was not appreciated.
He hoped the Government would be guided
by the great result already achieved and
further develop imperial trade. (Cheers).

LOTTERY ON BRITISH WARSHIPS.

NAVAL MEN'S MISTAKEN BELIEF.

LONDON, February 19th.

The Marquess of Graham and Lieut.
Commander Newcombe, who were charged
in the Glasgow Sheriff's Court on 11th
instant with holding a sweepstake on
H.M.S. Unicorn at Dundee, were today
fined £20 each for contravening the
Lottery Act.

It was stated that the lottery, of which
the Marquess of Graham was chairman
and Commander Newcombe secretary, was
run in a straightforward manner.

It was stated that the Crown Counsel's
warning to stop the draw was disregarded
by the promoter. There was an idea
among naval men that anything done
under the White Ensign was not subject
to interference by the civil authorities.

But while the warnings of the Crown
Counsel were generally obeyed, he had
been set at defiance in this case.

The solicitor on behalf of the respondents
said the Marquess never saw the letter
of warning. When the Commander got
the letter he believed that it was impossible
to stop the lottery without a breach of
faith as tickets had been sold to a
tremendous number of poor people and
sailors.

Commander Newcombe, who lost his
limbs in Gallipoli, undertook propaganda
work at Glasgow and in Scotland to assist
Admiral Sturdee to save Nelson's flagship
Victory.

The promoters of the lottery had hoped
but for the warning to raise £10,000.
The object actually sent £3,450 to head-
quarters.

EASTERN PARCEL MAIL DELAYED.

STRIKERS HOLD UP MAIL VANS.

LONDON, February 22nd.

The Post Office states that the Empire
parcel mail for India, Ceylon, Iraq and
the Persian Gulf was detained at Tilbury
Docks, the Kaiser's Hind sailing without
them.

Lorries containing these mails were held
up by strikers. Police protection was
offered, but the lorry drivers refused to
enter the docks.

Yesterday's Ceylon parcels mails at
Tilbury were waylaid by the strikers.
The lorry drivers declined protection and
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HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

Messrs. Benjamin and Potts, in their weekly share report, dated March 14th, say:—

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Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks have ruled steady during the week, and after sales at \$1.50 are required for at \$1.145. Latest cabled advices from London quote this stock £130 ex dividend.

Marine and Fire Insurances.—Unions are a shade higher and have been placed up to \$247. China Underwriters have been sold at \$1.10. Hongkong Fire has advanced to \$335. Cantons have receded to \$713. Yangtzes are in demand at \$28.

Shipping.—"Star" Ferries have changed hands at \$35 and continue in request. Douglas Steamships at \$38 and Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats at \$43 are unchanged from last week.

Refineries.—China Sugars have advanced to a buying rate of \$235 following the publication of the figures for the year's working and the announcement of a dividend of \$40. Malabara are in favour and are wanted at \$30.

Oils and Mining.—Langkats were taken at Tls. 33, but close with sellers at Tls. 33. Trencos have strengthened to 42/.

"Shells" at 92/.

Kailans at 70/1. Bauba at \$3.05 and Ural Caspian at 14/- have been neglected. Bangquets are offered at P. 2.

Electric Companies.—Hongkong Electric have been negotiated down to \$335. Hongkong Trams have further improved and sales have been made at \$28. China Lights (new) are enquired for at \$6, while the old shares at \$15 are quoted nominal.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves have not maintained their position and the price has declined to \$167. Hongkong and Whampoa Docks are also easier, and have been booked at \$157. Shanghai Docks have been bought at Tls. 98. Hongkong Wharves have buyers at Tls. 185 ex dividend. New Engineering could be placed at Tls. 51.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings.—Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels have declined somewhat and business was done down to \$261, but there has since been some recovery and buyers are now offering \$27 cum all. Hongkong Lands have also weakened and sales were effected at \$110 to \$119 and \$200. Hongkong Territorials were put through at \$14. Humphreys Estates at \$24 have remained quiet.

Cotton Mills.—Ewos were bought up to Tls. 12.30 during the week, but eased to Tls. 12 towards the close. Orientals were asked for at Tls. 3. Shanghai Cottons at Tls. 65 have not moved.

Miscellaneous.—Deals were made in Hongkong Ropes at \$67 cum all, at which the market closes firm. Green Island Cements after changing hands at \$34 cum all, have buyers at \$34, while the Rights are in request at \$91, price at \$14.50 to \$15.20 ex dividend of \$14 just paid. Watson's have continued their rise and have fetched \$29. Peak Trams have been done at \$151 and more are wanted at this figure. Lane, Crawford's have been booked up to \$151. Taxicabs have been placed at \$41. There are enquiries for Dairy Farms at \$341. Wm. Powells at \$181 and \$18 for the Old and New shares respectively, and Hongkong Constructions at \$4.65.

Exchange.—The T.T. selling rate on London to-day is 2/4 and on Shanghai 71/.

Forward Settlement Days.—25th March (Tuesday), 29th April (Tuesday), 27th May (Tuesday), 1924.

DIVIDEND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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We are officially informed that the General Managers and Consulting Committee of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., will recommend at the forthcoming meeting of shareholders to be held on 27th instant, the payment out of the profits for the year 1922 of a dividend of \$35.00 per share absorbing \$250,000; to pass \$200,000 to credit of Reserve Fund and £17,857.82 at ex. 2/31 = \$153,749.69 to credit of Reinsurance Fund, carrying forward \$515,153.24 in respect of the year 1923.

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Whampoa Docks	\$185 b.
Hongkong Lands	\$118 sa.
Hongkong Hotels	\$27 b.
Cements	\$341 sa.
Hongkong Ropes	\$674 b.
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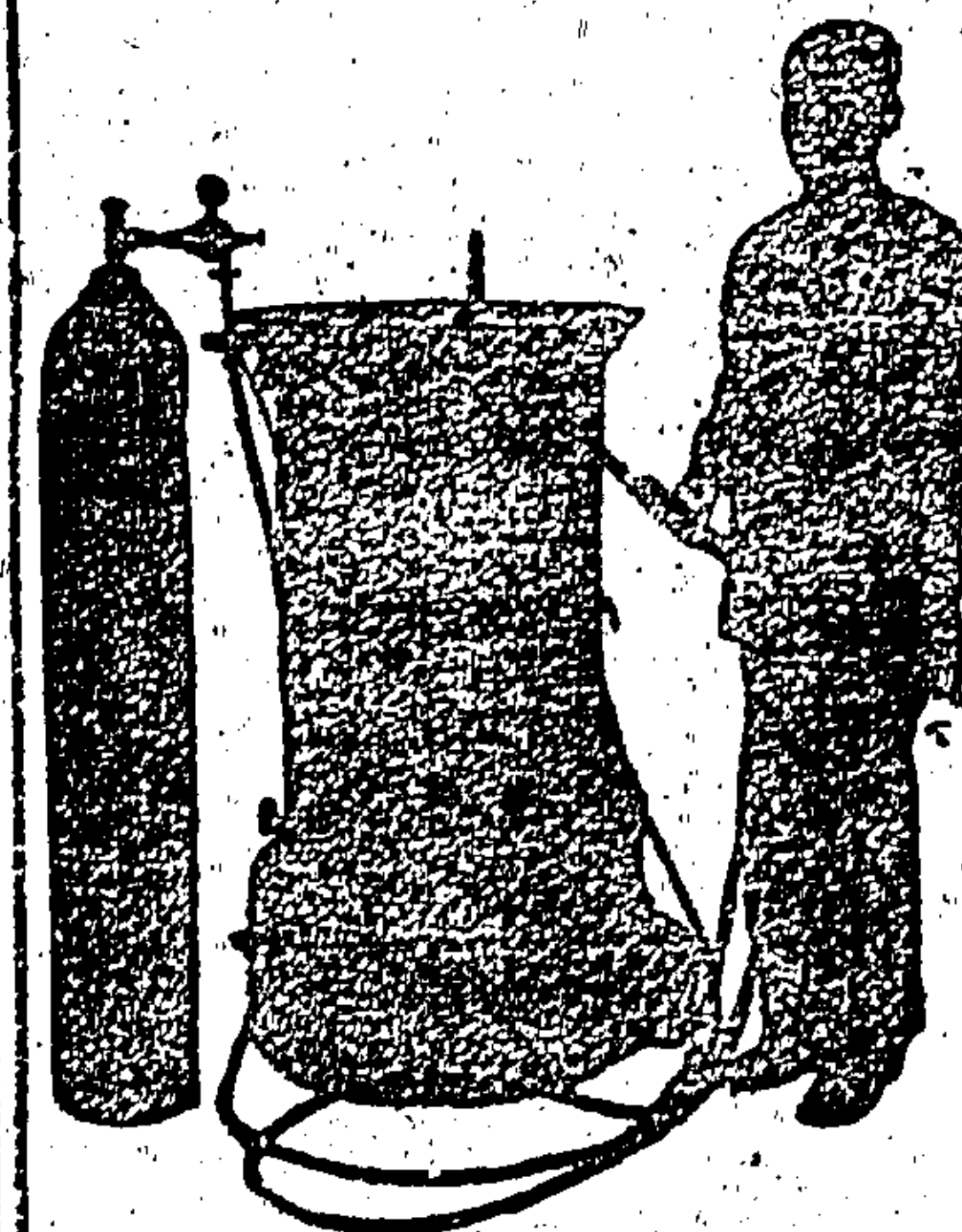
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THE COMMITTEE'S ACTIVITIES IN 1923.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 1923.

During the year under review the Chamber undertook a great deal of work outside its accustomed spheres of action, notably in connection with the local arrangements for the Hongkong Section of the British Empire Exhibition and the administration of the fund raised in Hongkong for the relief of sufferers in the disastrous earthquake in Japan on the 1st September, 1923. The onerous secretarial work of the Joint Chambers of Commerce Committee which has charge of the Exhibition arrangements, and of the Japanese Earthquake Disaster Hongkong Relief Committee, was ably and energetically carried through by the Secretariat, in addition to the labours of a year in which several difficult problems engaged the attention of the Chamber.

One of the most important of these was the development of Hongkong Harbour, following the reference by the Government to the Chamber of the Report by Sir Maurice Fitzmaurice on "Hongkong Harbour Improvements." The Chamber has also given much anxious consideration to the very serious problem of dealing effectively with the increase of piracy in these waters, and pressing representations have been made to the Government urging the need for increased Naval Patrols, which have proved in the past the most effective means of deterring piratical operations. Further discussions also took place as to the improvement of the Hongkong storm warning service, especially in relation to the establishment of a wireless and meteorological station on the Pratas Shoal.

Deliberations and correspondence on these and many other questions which have occupied the attention of the Chamber are summarised in the succeeding paragraphs. The Appendix, forming the greater part of this volume, contains complete correspondence on all the principal subjects which have come before the Chamber, except those of a confidential nature. As usual, hundreds of enquiries from Government Trade Departments and from business firms all over the world, seeking information or trading connections, have been answered, the replies often necessitating protracted enquiry and sometimes the production of monographs of some length on particular industries or on trade developments. In addition the Chamber has continued the issue, for the sixtieth year in unbroken succession, of a Fortnightly Market Report. Acknowledgment is due to the Committee of the Association of Special Agents and Dealers of Hongkong for special efforts made during the year to render more complete the information supplied by them in regard to Export Prices.

At the request of the Government the Chamber again undertook arrangements for the entertainment of visiting Naval Squadrons, for which a vote of \$20,000 was taken in the Colonial Budget. In the month of November the Japanese Naval Cadet Training Squadron paid a second visit to the Colony and the end of the crews were again entertained.

The thanks of the Chamber are due to the Colonial Government for its readiness to consider representations made on various subjects, and to appoint Government officials to confer with Committees of the Chamber when occasion arises. During the year there have been very helpful discussions of this kind, notably the meeting with Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, C.M.G., on Harbour questions; also the discussion with Mr. T. F. Claxton on the storm signal service and with the Harbour Superintendent of Police, the Harbour Master and the Crown Solicitor on Piracy Prevention Regulations.

HONGKONG HARBOUR IMPROVEMENTS.

The Government invited the Chamber to express its views on the Report on Hongkong Harbour Improvements made by Sir Maurice Fitzmaurice, C.M.G., and published in May 1923. A summary of the protracted discussions which took place throughout the summer was issued later in the year to the local Press and forms the second part of Appendix A in the present volume. It will be seen that the future requirements of the Port and the possibilities of development at West Point, Kennedy Town and North Point, as well as in Hung Hom Bay, to which Sir Maurice Fitzmaurice chiefly addressed himself, were very fully discussed, also ferry schemes and typhoon protection measures. This last consideration led to a postponement of further discussion of the whole question, the Government promising to submit to its Harbour Engineer the problem of the practicability of converting any wharves constructed into the form of a wet dock, affording protection to steamers during typhoon weather. It is hoped that further progress will be made with this very important subject early in 1924.

PIRACY.

Your Committee has given constant and earnest attention to the problem of piracy, to which notice has been insistently called by the frequent predatory attacks made upon merchant shipping and native craft, both large and small. Having in mind the experience of some years ago, when increased Naval Patrols led to a virtual cessation of piracy the

Committee has repeatedly addressed the Government urging that the importance of British interests in the Far East warranted the commissioning of larger numbers of mosquito craft. The experience of the Chinese Maritime Customs, whose cutters have performed useful service on occasion in capturing pirates, indicates the effectiveness of even the smallest craft in combating the present evils. The frequency with which, in recent months, piratical gangs have taken vessels to Bins Bay, in Chinese territory, and there unloaded the loot, without any punitive action being taken by either the Chinese or British authorities, has led your Committee to take the view that the situation calls for immediate action on the part of the foreign Powers. The following resolution, moved by Hongkong, was unanimously carried at the Annual Conference of British Chambers of Commerce in China and Hongkong, held in Shanghai in February, 1924:—

"That in the opinion of this Conference the numerous piracies that have taken place in Far Eastern Waters, and the inability of any Government in China to deal with the situation, calls for immediate action on the part of the foreign Powers.

"The Conference urges H.M. Government to make arrangements with the proper Chinese Authorities whereby, immediately a piracy is reported, punitive measures may be taken against the pirates by H.M. Navy in the locality where they have landed.

"Further, the Conference strongly advocates an increased number of Naval vessels available for patrol work, especially in the Canton Delta and neighbouring waters, where it is clearly indicated by the frequent piracies successfully carried out that the existing patrols are inadequate to prevent them."

Correspondence with the Government on the question of Piracy will be found in Appendix P1.

WIRELESS ON GUNBOATS.

This question has been considered in connection with representations as to the necessity for increased Naval Patrols, and the motion of Hongkong at the Conference just referred to, and the references to that aspect of the subject in the correspondence on Piracy:—

"That the recurrence of piracies in Far Eastern waters again emphasizes the urgent necessity for continuous means of wireless communication with H.M. smaller vessels. The Conference views with satisfaction the improvements being made to increase the efficiency of the wireless on river gunboats, and asks H.M. Government to install wireless on every such ship, also to provide the necessary increased staff of wireless operators so that communication can be effected at all times and where expedient for general purposes, when the ordinary commercial means of telegraphic communication are not available, as is frequently the case in South China."

The warships of other countries help their nationals in every way possible, in the transmission of commercial messages when ordinary means of communication are suspended, and your Committee consider that British vessels should also be prepared to give general assistance in this way in similar circumstances, not necessarily limiting the help to British nationals. (Appendix P1: also Q1).

IMPERIAL CUSTOMS CONFERENCE, 1921.

The Chamber referred to the Association of Exporters and Dealers of Hongkong a request by the Government for advice upon a despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, involving the position of Hongkong in relation to the Imperial Customs Conference, 1921. From a careful report by the Association it was made clear that the recommendations of the Conference particularly affected the portions of the British Empire which levy protective duties. Nevertheless, it was pointed out that Hongkong, as a Free Trade Colony, has an interest in securing the right to share with the mother country in any preferential treatment that may be given within the Empire, and the Association suggested that the attention of the Colonial Government be drawn to this aspect of the question. The need was emphasized, also, for the regular issue of volumes setting forth the Customs and trade laws and regulations in operation in the various portions of the British Empire. For lack of information Hongkong was losing the advantage of rebates open to the Colony in its trading relations with other parts of the Empire. The "Combined Certificate of Value and Origin" adopted by the Conference is not applicable to Hongkong circumstances, but, of course, has to be used for exports to countries in which it is in force. (Appendix G).

ARBITRATION AWARDS.

A further stage has been reached in the negotiations with the London Chamber of Commerce and the General Produce Brokers' Association of London with a view to obtaining the inclusion of particulars of defect in Arbitration Awards made under the auspices of the latter body. (Appendix C). The Produce Brokers' Association has agreed "to notify arbitrators, that, if they were requested by either party to an arbitration to do so, there was no objection to their

writing, without prejudice, an informal covering letter when forwarding their award, giving the reasons for these findings." Naturally, in reply to this, the case of shippers who have no representatives in London was put forward, and the London Chamber of Commerce is trying to obtain a concession from the Produce Brokers' Association to meet this difficulty.

TAXATION OF INSURANCE COMPANIES BY THE MACAO GOVERNMENT.

On representations by the Fire Insurance Association of Hongkong, the Chamber requested the Hongkong Government to use its influence with the Government of Macao in the direction of securing the modification of a new Ordinance—providing, it was urged, to insurance interests, and objectionable because it discriminated in taxation against non-Portuguese Companies and made a levy upon Insurance Companies generally to meet the cost of the Fire Brigade. H.E. the Governor of Hongkong has addressed H.E. the Governor of Macao on the subject but no reply has yet been communicated to the Chamber. (Appendix A2).

PROPOSED HONGKONG INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION.

The Chamber informed H.M. Commercial Secretary of Legation at Shanghai, in answer to an enquiry, that the decision to hold the British Empire Exhibition in 1924 instead of in 1923 and the unsettled condition of affairs in South China, had necessitated the postponement to 1925-6 of the proposed British-Chinese Industrial Exhibition at Hongkong. Peace in the south is necessary to the development of the Exhibition. (Appendix R).

RADIO COMMUNICATION WITH SWATOW.

Appendix B2 contains particulars, kindly supplied by Lieut. R. H. Beauchamp, R.N., of the new Swatow Radio Station.

STANDARD FORM OF FANCY PIECE GOODS CONTRACT.

When the last Annual Report of the Chamber was completed an agreement had been reached with the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, through the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, after reconsideration of the terms of the Standard Form of Fancy Piece Goods Contract. This Chamber, in accordance with an undertaking given, had submitted to the Manchester and Bradford Chambers of Commerce a request by the Guild that in cases of dispute one of the arbitrators shall be appointed by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce. No reply has been received to those submissions. The Chamber also agreed to include in the Standard Form a version in Chinese of the terms of the contract and asked the Chinese Chamber of Commerce—on 3rd January, 1924—to obtain from the Piece Goods Guild a Chinese translation. This was not received until the last month of the year. Immediately upon its receipt, members of the Chamber interested in piece goods were supplied with copies of the Standard Form of Contract, as agreed upon, printed both in English and Chinese. (Appendix C2).

HONGKONG UNIVERSITY.

Hongkong University continues to make steady progress in the right direction and has been indebted for material additions to its endowment funds to several local benefactors, including the Hon. Sir Paul Chen, C.M.G., also to the Rockefeller Foundation, which has made a further handsome grant to the medical side of the institution. There is no doubt that the Finance Committee of the University, on which the Chamber has a representative under authority of the University Ordinance, makes for the maintenance of sound finance. Although the University is in need of further funds, its present resources have been made use of to most efficient purpose, while maintaining the balance on the right side.

To Sir William Brunsate, K.C.M.G., the retiring Vice-Chancellor, the Committee takes this opportunity of recording its tribute on account of the painstaking work he has devoted to the finances of the University and the general advance he has furthered during his tenure of office. Co-operating with the Finance Committee Sir William has been able to create a Superannuation Fund for the staff of the University, which will remain as a standing record of his valuable services to the institution.

The Chamber maintains its interest in and support of the University, which has its best wishes and material support so far as funds permit.

Mr. G. T. Edkins was appointed for a further term as the Chamber's representative on the Council and Finance Committee of Hongkong University. (Appendix D).

On December 18th, 1923, was made the third annual contribution of \$12,000 which British members of the Chamber have undertaken to contribute for five years towards the expenses of the Department of Commerce at the University. (Appendix D2).

Mr. N. H. F. Prew, the student in the Department of Commerce who holds the Hewitt Memorial Scholarship of \$600 per annum, passed during the year in Part I. of the Intermediate Examination leading to the degree of Bachelor of Arts. (Appendix F2).

The Chamber again contributed \$2,000 towards the support of Yunnanese scholars at the University. The Hongkong Government also contributes a like amount. (Appendix G2).

The Chamber willingly responded to a request by the Vice-Chancellor, of the University for sets of commercial documents to illustrate lectures on Commercial Law, and received Sir William Brunsate's thanks for a "very interesting and instructive collection" of the material required. (Appendix O1).

An appeal was circulated by the Chamber to members on behalf of the Association of British Chambers in China and Hongkong for assistance in completing payments for a five year period, during which assistance has been guaranteed to schools affording education to Chinese on British lines. (Appendix B1).

CANTON THREAT TO LEVY CONSUMPTION TAX.

Appendix T1 contains correspondence on the subject of the threats by the party in power in Canton to seize the Customs Houses and divert the local revenues of the Chinese Maritime Customs to local purposes.

TRADE INDEXES.

Attention is called to the fact that the very useful and comprehensive guides to British Trade issued under the name of the "British Standard Exporter" are available to members in the Chamber's Library; also that the British Consulate-General, Canton, is willing to place at the disposal of Hongkong enquirers information contained in the Trade Indexes issued by the Department of Overseas Trade. (Appendix I1).

WIRELESS COMMUNICATION IN THE FAR EAST.

An able exposition of the lines along which wireless development might be promoted in the Colony, received from the Radio Communication Co. (Orient), Ltd.,—Appendix V1—is worthy of careful study. The Chamber asked the Government to consider the letter, inviting a discussion of the principles upon which wireless communication should be developed in the Colony. Your Committee took the view that a public utility service of this kind might reasonably be given a monopoly, subject to limitation of profits and an approved local Board, it was assumed that the Government would only grant a charter to a predominantly British and financially strong Company, and suggestions were made as to the method of securing a measure of public control.

HARBOUR MOORINGS: DRAFT REGULATIONS.

The Government submitted to the Chamber revised Regulations under the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, of which the most interesting clause concerned the use of the Government buoys, particularly in typhoon weather. It was learned that it is the intention of the Government to provide a number of specially strengthened "A" class moorings at which large steamers will be able to lay during typhoons. The Chamber suggested that, with the increasing number of large vessels using the port, fifteen such moorings—as a beginning—should be provided as early as possible. (Appendix E2).

RESCUE WORK IN THE HARBOUR DURING TYPHOON WEATHER.

The typhoon of August 18th led to much public discussion of the adequacy or otherwise of life-saving facilities in the Harbour. The Harbour Master, Commander Beckwith, R.N., suggested to the Government the provision of a Rescue Tug which could also act as a lighthouse tender. The Chamber was invited to consider the suggested design for the Tug and took the opportunity of recommending that the vessel be capable of making the trip to the Pratas Shoal, in readiness for the establishment of the proposed meteorological and wireless station there. This suggestion was adopted by the Government and a special sub-committee of experts is at present advising as to the most suitable design. (Appendix J1).

TYPHOON OF AUGUST 18th, 1923.

The Colony was struck on August 18th, by the worst typhoon experienced since 1906. Realising that loss of life had been especially heavy amongst the Chinese community the Chamber conveyed a resolution of sympathy to the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, which body also passed a similar resolution. (Appendix D1).

TYPHOON WARNINGS.

Your Committee regrets to have to report comparatively slight advance in the direction of an improved service of storm warnings, for which the Chamber again pressed, after the Swatow typhoon of August, 1922, and continued to urge during 1923. At the suggestion of the Government, a conference at which the whole question was surveyed took place with the Director of the Observatory, Mr. T. F. Claxton, and an agreed programme of needed improvements relating to the storm signal service was drawn up. Stress was laid, in the first place, on the need for a wireless and observing station on the Pratas Shoal, which is in the track of typhoons approaching the Colony and at a distance which would enable timely warning to be given by a station there. It was also suggested that a K.W. wireless transmitting set be installed on the Observatory; that exchange of storm warnings with Zikawei Observatory be arranged; that certain additional observations be obtained and that an evening weather report and forecast be prepared, a lithographic plan to be installed at the Observatory for that purpose.

In response to this letter, the Government arranged for the issue of an evening weather report and forecast and approached the Chinese Government through H.M. Minister, with a preliminary enquiry whether they would be willing to allow the Hongkong Government to erect a wireless station on the Pratas Shoal. The Chinese Government replied that the necessity of setting up the station was established and the work would be done by the Hydrographic Bureau. It was considered probable, in view of present political conditions, that it might be a very long time before the Chinese Hydrographic Bureau carried out the work. Sir Francis Aglen, K.C.M.G., Inspector General of the Chinese Maritime Customs, very kindly interested himself in this subject and invited a full statement of the history of the question. This was very willingly provided, and as this volume goes to press, a sympathetic and helpful reply is to hand from Sir Francis Aglen.

The Chamber was compelled to call attention, during the typhoon season, to defects in the working of the storm signal service, and a reply is still awaited to a letter dated 24th September in which various points were submitted to the Government, at the request of the Acting Colonial Secretary. (Appendix C1).

(To be Continued.)

For the
SPRING
CHILDREN'S OUTFITTING
HATS
SEMI-TRIMMED, DRESSY, PANAMA'S, ETC.
FRENCH FROCKS
in
ORGANDY & VOILE.
BOYS' SUITS
in
TUSSORE, JAP SILK & LINEN.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

WE have This Day REMOVED our Offices to CHINA BUILDING, 7TH Floor.
DE SOUSA & CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 15th March, 1924. [310]

NOTICE.

WE beg to give Notice that Mr. R. SALICK is no longer in the employ of the DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.
DOUGLAS LARRAIK & CO.,
Chief Managers,
DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.
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HONGKONG DOG & CAT SHOW, 1924.

BY kind permission of the Officer Commanding the Hongkong Defence Corps, a Show will be held on the Parade Ground on SATURDAY, 15th MARCH, at 2 P.M.
There will be classes for all kinds of Dogs including cross Breeds and Puppies, also Litters of Puppies.
The Prizes will be distributed by Lady Fowler at 5.30 P.M.
All Dogs must be at the Show between 12 & 1 o'clock on Saturday.
Entrance: One Dollar.
B. L. FROST,
Hon. Secretary & Treasurer,
c/o THE H. K. TELEGRAPH CO.
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KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB.

INTENDING Competitors are Reminded that Entries for the ANNUAL LAWN TENNIS TOURNAMENT will CLOSE on MONDAY, MARCH 17th.
S. E. GREEN,
Hon. Secretary.
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THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

REDUCTION IN PRICE.

FROM 1st APRIL, 1924, until further Notice the PRICE of Current for Lighting and Fans will be Reduced to 18 Cents Per Unit.
Discounts will remain as before.
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.
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HONGKONG PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.

GRAND CONCERT

Under the Patronage of H.E. THE GOVERNOR
by the
SOCIETY'S CHORUS AND ORCHESTRA.
THEATRE ROYAL.
SATURDAY, 29th MARCH, 1924, at 8.15 P.M.
Booking Opens on 17th MARCH at ANDERSON Music Co.
PRICES:—\$3, \$2, \$1.
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BILLIARDS.

HO KAM TONG CUPS.

PALACE HOTEL.

ENTRIES for the Annual Billiard Handicap, HO KAM TONG CUPS valued at \$300 will Close on
25th MARCH, 1924.
1st. Prize Cup valued ... \$175.00
2nd. " " " " " 75.00
3rd. " " " " " 50.00
Entrance Fee \$3.00 to go to Local Charities.
Intending Competitors will kindly send in their Names with Entrance Fees to—
PROPRIETOR,
PALACE HOTEL.
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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF KINGS.

JEAN MARSH WHEELER, Plaintiff,
vs.
LONNI W. SANGER, Defendant.
Summons.
To the above-named Defendant:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff's Attorney within twenty days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.
Dated, New York, December 21, 1923.
WALTER CARROLL LOW,
Attorney for Plaintiff,
Office and Post Office Address:
363, FIFTH AVENUE,
Borough of Manhattan, New York City.

To LONNI W. SANGER:
The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order made by Hon. WILLIAM F. HAGART, a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, dated the 21st day of January, 1924, and filed with the complaint in the office of the Clerk of said Supreme Court, County of Kings, at the Hall of Records, Borough of Brooklyn, City and State of New York. The object of the action is to procure a judgment that the defendant LONNI W. SANGER has no right of dower in certain real property known as No. 439, Washington Avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City and State of New York, and that she be forever barred from making any claim to dower therein, said property beginning at and lying north of a point on the easterly side of Washington Avenue 253 feet 3 inches northerly from the northerly side of Gates Avenue, having a frontage of 16 feet 7 inches on Washington Avenue and being 120 feet in depth.
Dated: New York, January 30th, 1924.
WALTER CARROLL LOW,
Plaintiff's Attorney.
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INTIMATIONS

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 15th MARCH, 1924, at 11 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st October, 1923.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from Tuesday, the 11th day of March, to Monday, the 17th day of March, both days inclusive, during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 5th March, 1924. [456]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.

THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Company's Offices, 20, DES VUEX ROAD, CENTRAL, on MONDAY, the 31st MARCH, 1924, at 11 A.M.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th of March to 28th of March, both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LARRAIK & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 5th March, 1924. [486]

THE HONGKONG DEVELOPMENT BUILDING AND SAVINGS SOCIETY, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the STATUTORY MEETING of the Company will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 19th DAY OF MARCH, 1924.
By Order,
EDWARD B. RAYMOND,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 10th March, 1924. [504]

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED, will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, Pedder Street, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 23rd MARCH, 1924, at 11.00 o'clock A.M., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the Year ended 31st December, 1923, confirming the appointment of Directors, and re-electing a Director and the Auditors.
THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, the 14th March, 1924, until Saturday, the 22nd March, 1924, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board,
PERCY H. SUCKLING,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 6th March, 1924. [460]

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI HOTELS, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED, will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, Pedder Street, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 23rd MARCH, 1924, at 11.00 o'clock A.M., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the Year ended 31st December, 1923, confirming the appointment of Directors, and re-electing a Director and the Auditors.
THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, the 14th March, 1924, until Saturday, the 22nd March, 1924, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board,
PERCY H. SUCKLING,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 6th March, 1924. [460]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

DRAFT Programmes and Entry Forms for the FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on the 29th MARCH (weather permitting) may be obtained at the RACE COURSE, HONGKONG CLUB and CAUSEWAY BAY STABLES.
Entries Close on 15th March, 1924. [479]

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-FIFTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the Under-Manager on THURSDAY, the 27th MARCH, 1924, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 1923.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 29th March, 1924, both days inclusive.
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, March 8th, 1924. [478]

TO LET.

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PREPAID "WANTED" ADVERTISEMENTS

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CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO.

THE FORTY-SIXTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, Pedder Street, on MONDAY, the 31st MARCH, 1924, at 11.00 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st December, 1923.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to 31st March, 1924, both days inclusive.
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Agents.
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HONGKONG ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.

NOTICE OF CALL.

ISSUE OF 95,000 SHARES OF THE NOMINAL VALUE OF \$10 EACH (\$7.50 PAID UP).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Final Call of \$2.50 per Share on each of the 95,000 Shares allotted on the 5th day of November, 1923, has been made by the Company, and that such Call will be payable to the Company's Bankers, THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, in Hongkong, on the 15th DAY OF MARCH, 1924.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to 15th March, both days inclusive.
For and on behalf of the
HONGKONG ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.,
S. COURTNEY COOK,
Secretary.
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QUEEN'S COLLEGE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

THE FOURTH ANNUAL DINNER of the QUEEN'S COLLEGE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION will take place on SATURDAY, 15th MARCH, at 8 P.M., in the Hall of Queen's College. Members are requested to send in their Subscription before 12th INST. The Minimum Charge is \$2.
Members intending to invite guests, are requested to notify Mr. C. Chou, Asia Banking Corporation, or the Undersecretary.
C. C. HUNT,
(Hon. Secretary).
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

The Steamship "GERTY"
FROM TRIESTE, VENICE, SPALATO, BRINDISI, PORT SAID, MASSAUA, ADEN, COLOMBO, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.
Official Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 15th instant.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 15th inst. will be subject to rent.
All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersecretary on or before the 29th inst., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 15th inst., at 10 A.M., by our Surveyors, Messrs. GODDARD & DOUGLAS.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
DODWELL CO., LTD.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 12th March, 1924. [507]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

ELLERMAN LINE
From UNITED KINGDOM AND CONTINENT.

THE Steamship "TARROO" having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of Holt's Wharf, whence delivery may be obtained.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 15th March, 1924, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersecretary on or before the 29th March, 1924, or they will not be recognized.
All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays or Fridays, between the hours of 10.45 A.M. and Noon within the free storage period of one week.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
THE BANK LINK LTD.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 12th March, 1924. [508]

TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW

at
12.15 2.30 5.15 7.15 AND 9.15 P.M.

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—IN—
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AT
"THE CORONET."

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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

PHONE 16.

MARRIAGE.

BACHELOR—BARR.—At Bournemouth, on February 9th, RONALD KENNETH BACHELOR, of Canton, only son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. BACHELOR, of Southbourne, to MARGARET JEAN, youngest daughter of JAMES BARR.

DEATH.

CLARK.—At Shanghai, on March 6th, AMBROSE J. CLARK (Yangtze Pilot), aged 64 years.

Hongkong Office: 14, Chater Road.
London Office: 131, Fleet Street, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MARCH 15th, 1924.

NAVAL PATROLS IN LOCAL WATERS.

In connection with the subject of naval patrols in the Canton Delta which the China Coast Officers are demanding as being the most effective means of preventing piratical attacks on the river steamers, the annual report of the Committee of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce—a most voluminous report on this occasion running to about 350 printed pages—contains some interesting correspondence which discloses at least that the proposal has been receiving the attention of the Colonial Government and the Naval authorities for almost a year past. There is a letter from the Commodore's Secretary to the Colonial Secretary, dated June last year, in which it is stated that "it is not practicable to increase the number of patrols of H.M. gunboats in the Canton Delta without prejudice to other necessary patrols."

It was explained that "the unsettled state of affairs in South China generally requires the gunboats to be continually on the move over a wide area, and a concentration in any one place or on any one boat would be inadvisable and could only be maintained for a short period in a special emergency." It was pointed out in the letter that the protection of the gunboats is required not only against pirates, but, "to an even greater extent," against the unwarranted interference with peaceful shipping by Chinese forts or soldiers belonging to either belligerent. The Chamber of Commerce in replying to this letter made it clear that no protest was made by them as to the

manner in which the gunboats at present available were distributed in performing the various services required. "It is the opinion of the Chamber," the letter said, "that an increased number of patrols of H.M. gunboats is necessary in the Canton Delta, and in view of the statement that there are insufficient vessels available for the purpose it is most strongly urged that the fleet of gunboats should be increased by other vessels from Home." The Committee asked that urgent representation to this effect should be made to the authorities at Home, as the need was immediate. They suggested that in the circumstances now ruling in China the need for increasing the fleet of gunboats was "an obvious one that should be responded to by H.M. Government and H.M. Admiralty."

If additional gunboats were not made available, the Chamber suggested as an alternative course that the Hongkong Government should make arrangements to have a small fleet of gunboats built locally at the cost of the Colony and that the Admiralty should be asked to assist in equipping them with armament and men. To meet the cost of maintaining such a local fleet of patrols the Committee advocated that a deduction should be made from the Colony's contribution towards Imperial defence. Five months later, after the piracy of the *Sau Ying*, the Chamber, writing to the Government, said: "The recurrence of these piratical incidents obviates the need for any argument to illustrate the inadequacy of Naval or Colonial protective patrols for the prevention of piracy."

While such measures as are provided or contemplated in connection with Piracy Prevention Ordinances serve to minimise the risks of piracy, this Chamber holds that they are entirely insufficient to meet the needs of the circumstances, and cannot be themselves regarded as sufficient measures for the adequate protection of British trade and shipping. The correspondence in the annual report of the Chamber of Commerce does not carry us further than that, but the letter written last month by the Captain Superintendent of Police to the Coast Officers' Guild and the Marine Engineers' Guild showed that decisions have been taken. "His Excellency the Governor," the C.S.P. wrote, "has given his consent to the establishment of a convoy or escort system on the Canton River, and as far as Hongkong on the West River to begin with. The Commodore has promised every assistance, provided he can get the concurrence of the Admiralty. The Colonial Government is supplementing the number of vessels which the Navy can place on this service by hired vessels to be manned and armed by the Naval Authorities for this purpose. It is hoped that the convoy system may be brought into force within a very short time." In this important respect, then, at all events it is clear that the representations of the Officers' Guilds, supported as they were by vigorous representations by the Chamber of Commerce, have not been ignored, but are now to be acted upon by the Colonial Government working in co-operation with the Naval Authorities. With the inauguration of such measures piracy will become a more perilous adventure.

Only two cases of small-pox were notified in the Colony on the 13th inst.

In a sale of objects of art and Eastern rugs at Messrs. Christie's on February 12th two Chinese rugs and a carpet decorated with kyllins, dragons, and peonies, sold separately, made £220 14s.; a pair of rugs, with a design of dragons and clouds, £213 8s.; and a carpet with medallions of a diaper groundwork £110 5s.

A Chinese woman was accidentally knocked down by tram No. 29 early yesterday afternoon, near the Western Market. She was rendered unconscious and removed to the Government Civil Hospital. Though the car driver gave ample warning of his approach, the unfortunate woman was unable to get off the tram track promptly because she had been crippled by the old practice of foot-binding.

A property sale at Shanghai last week showed that there is land in Shanghai as well as in Hongkong which has doubled in value in three years. The property in question is situated at the junction of Chekiang, Hoopoh and Canton Roads. For the purposes of taxation it is assessed by the Municipal Council at the rate of Tls. 33,000 per mow, or a total of Tls. 49,500. Three years ago this land, including the houses standing upon it, was bought for a sum of Tls. 268,000, and the owner has now sold it, also with the houses, for no less than Tls. 525,000. This works out at Tls. 42,000 per mow (houses included) against the Municipal Assessment of Tls. 33,000 (exclusive of houses). The value of the houses will certainly not be anything like the Tls. 9,000 difference shown here, and a genuine rise in land values is indicated, says the *Y.C. Daily News*.

THE PIRATED HONGKONG FERRY.

FERRY.

AN INTERESTING INTERVIEW.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

H.E. the Governor of Macao received a message by wireless (13th instant) that the party which had been sent to recover the ferry was awaiting a suitable tide before returning to Macao.

At three o'clock in the afternoon, the Portuguese vessels steamed into Macao Harbour, led by the gunboat *Patia*. The Hongkong launch, however, could not get out of the creek and was left behind. H.M.S. *Cleuda* also did not form one of the party that returned to Macao, and is believed to be standing by the launch.

Commander Artur Carmona was the officer in command of the Portuguese party and, interviewed, gave the following interesting account:—

On Saturday, as a result of information received, I proceeded to Tan Mun to search for signs of the missing Hongkong launch but returned without any success. The information the Macao police had, however, was that the launch was actually at Tan Mun. On Monday, therefore, I proceeded again to the place indicated with the armed launches *Colubine* and *Commandante Talone* (not the *Talpa*) and after a very careful search described in a very small, well hidden creek at Shami-choi, near Cone Island, a launch resembling the missing one. Approaching I recognized the identifying letter "W" on the funnel. I communicated with the authorities in Macao and the *Patia* was despatched to be used in the event of any emergency. At a favourable tide I approached the Hongkong launch and noticed that they had steam up. A little dingy was sent out to me and the occupants were instructed by the pirates to offer to return the launch with six out of the original crew of ten on condition that we do not fight them. They handed me the flag of the pirated launch. The tide being low nothing could be done and in the meantime H.M.S. *Cleuda* arrived and the commandant boarded the *Patia* stating that as the launch was *Patia* he was going to assume charge and escort the launch to Hongkong. Despite the efforts, however, of the gunboat *Macan* and the *Colubine* to tow her out, the launch could not be taken completely out of the creek and there she remained awaiting till the 17th or 18th inst. when the tide will be high enough. Before we left I received a message, the following being a free translation:—

"To the Commander of the Portuguese Force,
"Please do not fight us because we do not wish to do you any harm. We are not robbers but only poor soldiers who take from the rich to give to the poor. We are very poor ourselves and must have money to live and only take from those who are able to afford. It is not necessary for so many ships to come against us. We deliver the launch to you and would have done so much earlier if the tide had been favourable. I beg one of you to come to discuss all the matter with us and thank you in advance."
(Signed) Wong Tosa Paga (Chi).

I learn that the Customs launch was given an opportunity of co-operating but returned to Macao after proceeding a few miles.
"Considerably over a thousand pirates ('soldiers') are on Cone Island, while the majority of the islands and creeks are infested with marauding bands."
It is stated that Commander Carmona is proceeding to Hongkong on the 14th inst. to return to the Commodore in Hongkong the flag which was handed over by the pirates.

CORRESPONDENCE.

BISHOP NORRIS AND CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

[TO THE EDITOR OF "THE HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR—I shall be glad if you will kindly permit me to comment on the reference to Christian Science in a sermon preached by Bishop Norris. The sermon in question was published in your issue yesterday, and in it he is reported to have said:

"I have heard the Apostles' Creed attacked because it is not scriptural! and I have heard a man claim that to confess our belief that God is love would be an adequate creed for everyone. At the other end of the scale we have the lower forms of the Christian science, communing with the dead, theosophy, and such like, picking out here and there some one aspect of truth and magnifying it at the expense of all the rest."

I think he must be unfamiliar with the teachings of Christian Science otherwise he would not have referred to it in that manner.
Amongst the important points, or religious tenets, of Christian Science are the following, which are taken from page 497 of the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy.
"As adherents of Truth, we take the inspired Word of the Bible as our sufficient guide to eternal life."
"And we solemnly promise to watch, and pray for that Mind to be in us which was also in Christ Jesus: to do unto others as we would have them do unto us: and to be merciful, just, and pure."

The growth of the Christian Science movement is due to the fact that it meets the needs of mankind by healing sin and sickness in demonstration of the truth it reveals about God and man in His image and likeness.—Yours faithfully,
D. G. M. BERNARD
(Christian Science Publications Committee).

Hongkong, March 14th, 1924.

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

BRITISH MINERS MAY STRIKE.

OWNERS' TERMS TO BE REFERRED TO DISTRICTS.

LONDON, March 13th. The Miners' Conference at London decided to refer the owners' terms to the various districts. The Delegate Conference will meet on March 26th to arrive at a decision.

OWNERS' TERMS INADEQUATE.

It was also decided that the owners' terms were inadequate and unacceptable, and the Government was urged to pass a Miners' Minimum Wage Bill.

DELEGATES AWAIT PARLIAMENT'S DECISION.

It is officially stated that it will be open to districts to consider the owners' terms in the interval before March 26th, if desired; but as far as the Conference is concerned there was no official reference back to the districts, as it was decided that the terms were inadequate.

The adjournment of the Conference till March 26th is for the purpose of seeing what can be done in the meanwhile to secure an improved wage for miners by legislation, and if the Minimum Wage Bill, which will come up for discussion on March 21st, is not proceeded with, or is defeated, there is little doubt that the delegates will decide to take a ballot on March 26th, when they re-assemble on a national strike after the present agreement expires on April 15th.

EARLIER CABLES.

LONDON, March 13th. The miners' delegate conference has adjourned until tomorrow, after a discussion revealing considerable opposition to the owners' offer.

LATEST CABLES.

GERMANY'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY.

DUE TO STABILISATION OF CURRENCY.

BERLIN, March 13th. The remarkable economic recovery since the stabilisation of the currency is disclosed, the Chancellor stating that there are only 120,000 workers on short time in the unemployed part of Germany, compared with nearly 4,000,000 in November. The unemployed have recently decreased by 300,000.

WATERLOO CUP FINAL.

LIVERPOOL, March 13th. In the Waterloo Cup final Cushey Job beat Whitechapel.

EARLIER CABLES.

RUHR OCCUPATION.

NO EVACUATION INTENDED.

PARIS, March 13th. Reviewing the results of the occupation of the Ruhr in the Senate, M. Poincaré said the receipts for 1924 were estimated at four milliards of francs and the expenditure at one milliard, leaving three milliards available for reparations. No one any longer dreamt of asking them to evacuate the Ruhr.

RUSSIA AND POLAND.

MEMEL AND VILNA QUESTION CAUSES FRICTION.

LONDON, March 13th. When the League of Nations appears in haste to a solution of the future of Memel, Russia has intervened by dispatching a Note to Poland protesting against a settlement of the question by a third party, as being a violation of the Russo-Lithuanian peace treaty.

A Warsaw message says the newspapers are very indignant at what they consider the hostile tone of the Note and are particularly incensed at the passage questioning Poland's right to Vilna. The hint at a possible rupture of Russo-Polish diplomatic relations.

POLITICAL CRISIS IN GERMANY.

DISSOLUTION OF THE REICHTAG.

BERLIN, March 13th. Owing to the Opposition's insistence on altering the Government's emergency decrees, Herr Ebert has dissolved the Reichstag. The date of the elections has not yet been fixed.

A MOVE IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

FRANCE ENTHUSIASTIC AT FRANCO'S RECOVERY.

LONDON, March 13th. The greatest enthusiasm in France has been occasioned by the improvement in the Franco, especially when it again passed the "psychological century" and closed at 28.25.

OPPOSITION TO SUMMER-TIME IN HOLLAND.

THE HAGUE, March 13th. The Second Chamber has passed a resolution by 45 to 39 asking the Government, in the general interest, to repeal the summer-time law.

"SANTIAGO'S" CREW RESCUED.

LONDON, March 13th. Lloyd's at New York report that the British steamer *Colonial*, due at Newport News, wireless that it has picked up a boat with the crew of the steamer *Santiago*.

GOVERNMENT MOTION DEFEATED.

ARMY ESTIMATES DEBATE.

LONDON, March 13th.

In the House of Commons a Government motion to suspend the eleven o'clock rule in order to debate the army estimates, because the business was behind-hand, was defeated by 234 to 207, but this defeat is not regarded as vital within the terms of the statement Mr. MacDonald has made more than once. Mr. Walsh proceeded to introduce the estimates.

Mr. Clynes explained that the course proposed was the alternative to taking private members' time. He admitted in response to pressure that a Labourite back benches' motion to reduce the personnel of the army by 150,000 would be debated after eleven. This evoked Conservative and Liberal protests, culminating in a challenge and the division. The only effect of the defeat is that all the time available to private members will be taken up by the Government in order to complete the business that must be completed before March 31st. A number of Liberals voted with the Government, hence the announcement of the figures evoked an outburst of enthusiasm amongst the Conservatives and cries of "Resign!"

ESTIMATES FRAMED BY PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT.

LONDON, March 13th. In the House of Commons, moving the army estimates, Mr. Walsh explained that the estimates had been prepared by the previous Government, but he was satisfied that they were framed with due regard to economy and the needs of the country. He declared that if the German menace had disappeared it must be remembered the distant British possessions cannot be left defenceless. (Opposition cheers.) The difficulties we had to contend with in Egypt, Iraq, India and the East were not at present warrant any decrease in the strength of the army. There were signs of an improvement in recruiting. The policy of substituting machines for man-power required a highly equipped research department, which would have to be one of the first it was possible to organise.

GRIEVANCES OF BANKER OFFICERS.

A motion relative to pensions and grievances of certain banker officers was defeated by 220 to 201, after Mr. Baldwin had endorsed Mr. MacDonald's suggestion for the appointment of a committee to enquire into the whole matter. Mr. Peto Croft pointed out that compared with 1914, we had reduced our trained forces by 200,000. No other country had done anything like this. Mr. Atley, replying to the debate, declared that we were well up to the standard of other armies with regard to inventions. The debate was then adjourned.

LATEST CABLES.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

MARVELS OF WIRELESS.

POPULAR SONG TRANSMITTED ACROSS THE ATLANTIC.

NEW YORK, March 13th. The newspaper, *New York American*, reports that wireless listeners in picked up a popular song from London.

SEIZURE OF THE ORDUNA.

OFFICIALS' FRUITLESS SEARCH.

NEW YORK, March 13th. A party of Federal officials spent two hours around the *Orduna*, yesterday, breaking seals on the storerooms and liquor bars, but no contraband was found.

EARLIER CABLES.

VESSEL SAILS UNDER BOND.

NEW YORK, March 13th. The district attorney has filed a suit in the Federal Court demanding that Government confiscate the s.s. *Orduna*. Subsequently a conference between Royal Mail officials and Government representatives agreed to release the *Orduna* under a million dollars bond, so as to enable her to sail according to schedule on Saturday.

WASHINGTON, March 13th.

The owners of the s.s. *Orduna* have complained through the British Embassy, to the State Department to the effect that the bond of a million dollars for the release of the vessel is unreasonably high.

THE OIL LEASE CONTROVERSY.

U.S. GOVERNMENT SEEKS CANCELLATION.

NEW YORK, March 13th. While public interest in the oil investigation is perceptibly slackening, attention today centred on the opening of the Government's suit for cancellation of the oil leases in the Federal Court of Cheyenne, Wyoming. There is an opposing array of counsel on both sides. Mr. Sinclair announced the suit would be fought to the bitter end.

Senator Ladd succeeds Mr. Lenroot as chairman of the oil investigation committee.

DEVELOPMENT WORK HALTED.

CHEYENNE, March 13th. Judge Kennedy of the Federal Court has appointed Admiral Strauss of the United States Navy, who was the Government's nominee, and Mr. Watts, vice-president of the Sinclair Oil Corporation, defendants' nominee as receivers of control of the Teapot Dome oil reserve, pending the final disposition of the properties. The Judge has also granted a temporary injunction halting any further development or work on the Teapot Dome reserve.

ANGLO-AMERICAN LIQUOR TREATY.

WASHINGTON, March 13th. The Senate has ratified the Anglo-American liquor treaty.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

"AN EXTRAVAGANT YOUNG ASS."

SHANGHAI FALSE PRETENCES CHARGE DISMISSED.

SHANGHAI, March 14th.

In the British Court yesterday afternoon Mr. King dismissed Norman Bowler, charged with obtaining a motor-car by false pretences and obtaining credits and various sums by fraud, on the ground that the charges were not proved.

Mr. King described the accused as an "extravagant young ass who lived beyond his income."

SHANGHAI CONSTABLE SHOT DEAD.

DESPERATE GANG IN YANGTSEPÖO DISTRICT.

SHANGHAI, March 14th.

In attempting to arrest an armed gang of five men, in the Yangtsepöo district, last night, a Chinese constable was shot dead.

A HUGE THEFT.

AND A LIGHT SENTENCE.

SHANGHAI, March 14th.

Two coolies, brothers, who robbed the dwelling of Mr. Horatio Robertson at Szechuan Road on Tuesday night, were sentenced to five months imprisonment by the Mixed Court yesterday. The thefts amounted to a total value of 100,000 taels, including deeds, debentures and jewellery.

SMART WORK BY THE POLICE.

The police were notified on Wednesday morning, and eighteen hours later the entire lot was recovered.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

AN OUTRAGE ON A BRITISH SUBJECT.

GOVERNMENT INSTRUCTS LEGATION TO DEMAND A RETRIAL.

PEKING, March 14th.

The *Far Eastern Times* says that the British Foreign Office yesterday instructed the Legation to demand a re-trial of Colonel Kuo Hsien who was in command of the soldiers who attacked Mr. Ressel (a railway official) at Fengtai, stating that the British Government refused to recognise the court martial proceedings, since no British observer was present. According to the Legation's note to the Waichingpo asking for the trial of Colonel Chen at an early date and that two British observers be allowed to attend.

There has been no secret for some time that a so-called court martial was held on Chen at Taku at which no witnesses for the prosecution were called and Chen was sentenced to twenty-eight days and cashiered, while a soldier on whom the blame for the actual assault was placed was given two years at a separate trial in Peking. It is understood that a report of these trials was sent home for instructions regarding the attitude which the Legation should take.

SINGAPORE NAVAL BASE SCHEME.

EARL BALFOUR STRESSES DOMINIONS' CLAIMS.

LONDON, March 13th.

In the House of Lords, Earl Balfour asked for information with regard to the Singapore scheme and moved for the papers. He contended that the abandonment of the project would be a disastrous mistake, which would have an Empire-wide echo and the consequences of which could hardly be calculated. He laid stress on the fact of Australia, New Zealand, and India's reliance on the British fleet, which would be useless in certain contingencies, however improbable, without a base. He declared that he could imagine no worse economy than one which rendered the fleet ineffective in the greatest oceans of the world, and in connection with the existence of the most important part of the Empire. He emphasised the defensive nature of the scheme, which would safeguard peace, and termed as fantastic the notion that a base three thousand miles from Yokohama could menace our Japanese friends.

Lord Chelmsford announced that the Government hoped to be able to make a statement on its policy in both Houses on March 15th. The House then adjourned.

PROTECTION FOR SARAWAK DESIRED.

LONDON, March 13th.

Sir William Davidson, who asked with regard to protection of the oilfields in Sarawak, whether the question of providing oil storage for the navy in Sarawak rather than in Singapore had been considered. Mr. Ammon pointed out that under the Washington Treaty no coast defences or fortifications could be established there in peace time. They would have to rely primarily for defence on the presence of a British fleet. Sarawak was not in a suitable position for oil fuel storage for the fleet.

(Continued on next column.)

LATEST CABLES.

NEW SECRETARY OF U.S. NAVY.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 13th.

Mr. Curtis W. Wilbur, Chief Justice of California Supreme Court, announces that he has accepted the Secretaryship of the Navy in succession to Mr. Denby.

SINO-RUSSIAN AGREEMENT.

PRELIMINARY DRAFT.

PEKING, March 14th.

The Chinese Press has published the preliminary draft of the Sino-Russian agreement, which was not brought up-to-date, as it has been the subject of subsequent negotiations between Dr. C. T. Wang and Mr. Karakhan. This morning it will be discussed by the Cabinet, after which it will be referred to President Tsao Kün.

THE MAIN POINTS.

There is reason to believe, however, that the following main points are substantially correct:

(1) After the agreement has been signed, a formal Sino-Russian Conference will be opened within a month, and all outstanding problems are to be settled within six months.

(2) All Tsarist Treaties will be declared null and void, and new treaties will be drawn up in the spirit of the 1910 and 1920 Russian declarations.

(3) Russia recognises as absolute Chinese sovereignty in Outer Mongolia, and will remove all Russian forces from there.

(4) The two nations recognise the fact that propaganda against each other should not be indulged in.

(5) Boundaries and navigation questions will be discussed later.

CHINESE EASTERN RAILWAY.

As regards the Chinese Eastern Railway, the following considerations will be observed:

(1) Russia and China agree that the railway was undertaken by them absolutely as a commercial enterprise, and, excepting railway business, all affairs involving the sovereignty of China, or local government, shall be controlled by the Chinese Authorities.

(2) Russia agrees that China may redeem the Chinese Eastern Railway with Chinese capital.

(3) All estimates as to price, conditions and procedure to be fixed by a formal conference.

(4) Russia to be responsible for the payment due from Russian shareholders to the Railway, for periods prior to the Russian Revolution.

VARIOUS DIFFERENCES COMPOSED.

The Round Table Conference which was to have been held at the Presidency yesterday failed to materialise, owing to Dr. C. T. Wang's detention at a prolonged interview with Mr. Karakhan, at which differences of opinion regarding phraseology, also the withdrawal of Russian troops from Mongolia and the treatment of "White" Russians in Chinese territory, were composed.

CONCESSIONS AND INDEMNITY RIGHTS RELINQUISHED.

Russia relinquishes the right to own concessions in China; and also renits the Boyer Indemnity, providing the funds are used exclusively for educational purposes. She also agrees to the abolition of Russian Consular jurisdiction in China.

The preliminary agreement will be enforced immediately it is signed by the responsible authorities of the contracting parties.

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF CABINET.

The Cabinet held an extraordinary meeting at the Premier's residence this morning.

It is understood that all known difficulties have been solved, and that the Premier, Dr. Wellington Koo, and Dr. C. T. Wang will proceed to the President in order to obtain his approval.

RECOGNITION AT ALMOST ANY HOUR.

The opinion is held in Chinese circles that recognition of Russia will be announced at almost any hour.

FRANCE AND THE CHINESE EASTERN RAILWAY.

A REMINDER TO CHINA.

PEKING, March 14th.

The French Minister yesterday sent a Note to the Waichingpo warning China not to forget that other powers possessed interests in the Chinese Eastern Railway, if she is making a settlement on this question with the Russians.

CHINA AND THE POWERS.

TWO IMPORTANT QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION.

LONDON, March 13th. The Times, referring to the Chinese Government's present request to Legations and Powers signatory to the Nine Power Treaty, for a preliminary conference to discuss matters relating to the 25 per cent. increase in customs duties, suggests that the opportunity might be taken to press home the need for a settlement of the claims of Vickers and Marconi loan holders, on which interest in default and the question of redemption will arise shortly.

[BY COURTESY OF THE "DAILY BULLETIN"]

CHINA'S TRADE MARK LAW.

FOREIGN CHAMBERS PROTEST AGAINST RECOGNITION.

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CONDITIONS AT KWANGTUNG.

The following paragraphs are taken from yesterday's Canton Gazette:

Wong Tung Hon, one of the commanders under General Lu Shi Tai, was recently induced by a gang of bandits to a boat which took him to their stronghold and is now held for ransom by the bandits. Commander Wong's family in Saikwan received a letter from the gang of bandits yesterday demanding a sum of \$30,000 for the release of the commander.

Robbers and pirates have become very prevalent in Shuntak along Ma Ning River. They are fearless in the extreme. They have themselves established stations to collect dues from every boat that passes their territory. Some dues are payable daily and some monthly. The merchants so far have been obliged to submit and pay whatever was demanded. But as the collecting stations have continued to grow they have found it impossible to pay and several boats have stopped running. The River Defence Bureau decides to send a few available gunboats to this robber infested district for patrol duty and protection of the merchants. It is hoped that robbers will consequently become less.

Within the last twelve months we have witnessed monopolies of all kinds either legally granted by the authorities or protected by some military authority. They are monopolies to collect dues or fees or taxes on certain goods, or trades. The Authorities, civil as well military, have repeatedly proclaimed that any man, civil or military, found to harbour or protect any person or persons who illegally collect fees or taxes of any kind without due sanction will be severely dealt with. Unless the authorities accept the orders so proclaimed the finances of Kwangtung will continue to be chaotic and no unification of it is possible. Commenting along this vein the *Sun Kwo Hui* in its editorial of the 13th inst. went on to say that the merchants themselves are exploiters in the illegal business and by their selfish act they have greatly brought discredit upon the name of the Generalissimo. The only way to stop them, therefore, is to bring a few of such greedy merchants to justice and let severe punishment be meted out to them.

COMPANY MEETING.

HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION COMPANY.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Land Reclamation Co. was held yesterday morning at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.

Mr. D. G. M. Bernard presiding. There were also present: Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Mr. A. S. Gubbay and Mr. R. E. Green-Smith (Directors); Mr. L. S. Greenhill (Acting Secretary) and the following shareholders:—Yerry Rev. Father Robert and Messrs. T. M. Raymond, R. P. White, Ho Koo Tong, J. T. Bagram, C. C. Boyd, B. C. Randall, E. Snidick, Lo Cheung Shiu, H. A. Rodgers, and W. R. Wilkinson.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, at the annual general meeting held in January last I mentioned that it was proposed to wind-up the Company as soon as certain mortgages had been paid off in June. The mortgagees, however, desired to make arrangements for the future, and asked permission to pay off the mortgages at an earlier date. This has been agreed to by your Directors and this meeting has been called for the purpose of passing a resolution for winding-up the Company forthwith. I therefore now beg to propose the following extraordinary resolution and when this has been duly seconded I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions which shareholders may wish to ask.

That the Company be wound up voluntarily and that Leslie Spence Greenhill, of 5, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, be appointed Liquidator for the purposes of such winding-up.

The motion was seconded by Mr. H. P. White and carried unanimously.

The Chairman said:—A further extraordinary general meeting of the Company will be held here on the 20th March at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at this meeting and confirming, if thought fit, as a special resolution, the resolution that has just been passed. That is all the business.

A POSTAL COMPLAINT AT SHANGHAI.

BELATED MAILS FROM HONGKONG.

The *N.O. Daily News* in a leaderette on Postal Matters says: A matter that is much more important than the sorting of the mail matter when it reaches Shanghai, however, is the question of the arrivals of mails, from both Europe and Hongkong, have been annoyingly irregular and have caused no little inconvenience.

We will take the last week or so, in regard to the Hongkong mails to Shanghai, as an example. We will deal with newspapers, which always are posted promptly at Hongkong, and usually arrive here from three to five days and occasionally two, after publication. On the morning of March 1st, there was a local delivery (at the boxes) of the Hongkong morning papers of February 28th and 29th. So far as we can trace, the next delivery of Hongkong papers was on the late afternoon of March 6th, when those of March 1st were received. At just before noon yesterday (March 8th) those of February 28th and 29th were available. Obviously there is something wrong in regard to this.

There was no delivery between March 1st and March 6th and yet on every day in that period boats arrived at Shanghai from Hongkong.

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KOWLOON'S NEW MAGISTRACY.

OPENING DATE FIXED.

The new Magistracy at Kowloon is to be opened for the hearing of cases on April 14th. The Magistrate in charge will be Mr. E. W. Hamilton who is at present fulfilling the duties of Second Magistrate at the Hongkong Magistracy. Arrangements have already been made for the transfer of a number of the native clerks and an interpreter from Hongkong Magistracy to Kowloon. From the date mentioned all cases from the Kowloon area and the New Territories will be dealt with in the new Court, which means a re-distribution of the work at Hongkong.

The Kowloon Magistracy is to operate for the time being in the old Yau-mat Police Station, recently vacated.

SEQUEL TO MOTOR COLLISION.

POLICE SERGEANT LOSES CASE.

Mr. Justice Gompertz (Puisne Judge) delivered judgment yesterday in the case in which Sergt. F. T. James (Hongkong Police) and Mrs. James jointly claimed damages to the amount of \$877 from the Moon Garage as a result of a collision between plaintiff's motor cycle and a motor car alleged to belong to the Garage.

His Lordship said that the plaintiff was suing for damages for the negligence of the defendant's servant. He (his Lordship) was not satisfied that negligence had been made out, and he thought that even if there was negligence, there was probably contributory negligence on the other side.

Judgment was given for the defendants, with costs.

ANOTHER MANSLAUGHTER CASE.

KOWLOON MOTOR-BUS DRIVER CHARGED.

Yam Shi Ming, a licensed motor-bus driver of the Kai Tak Motor Bus Company, Kowloon, appeared at the Magistracy yesterday morning on summons in answer to a charge of manslaughter. The case was formally remanded.

Inspector J. Ogg prosecuted. It appears that a little girl, aged 11 years, named Chan Yee Mei was knocked down by bus No. 1373 on February 15th. Witnesses of the accident allege that both wheels of the bus passed over the body of the child, but Inspector Ogg gave it as the view of the Doctor that only one wheel passed over the child.

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A MISSIONARY TO THE GOLFERS.

An American golf club has just issued a challenge which humorists in Great Britain will be only too eager, one fears, to take up. For it has attached to itself a chaplain. Already the opening movement has been played of that prolonged symphony of witticism to which, in the next few weeks, we shall surely be fated to listen. The reverend gentleman, we already learn, will fulfil a useful and difficult function if he succeeds in improving the language of players who wrestle with the hazards of the seventh hole. Already, no doubt, comic artists are sharpening their pencils preliminary to giving us sketches of apoplectic and inwardly blasphemous bunglers murmuring the mildest of obsequies as they scatter the sand in some bunker under the restraining eye of their spiritual adviser. For the golfer who swears over every stroke he misses has attained in the last decade the dignity of a place among our stock figures of fun. Like the ingenious rustic, the exaggerating fisherman, the shrewish mother-in-law, the overindulgent overnourished, and undernourished professor, the golfer in evening clothes who is returning home after dining too well, and the very small child who talks like a bored man or woman of fashion, the explosive golfer is never long absent from our humorous papers. At first one is tempted to declare that there is no truth to life at all in these creatures, and that they are, therefore, not in the least funny—for a good comic type invariably resembles someone made familiar by actual experience. Golfers, one knows—in defiance of the humorists—go their rounds for the most part using language that they might air without regret in a drawing-room. If they are goaded, sometimes, beyond that polite limit, are not batsmen whose partners run them out, footballers who see their colleagues dropping staple passes, and other severely tried persons sometimes equally to blame? Why should golf be made a scapegoat among games? The answer to this question, one is forced reluctantly to admit, to some extent justifies the humorists. Golf is indeed uniquely exasperating; more than almost any other game it leads to the losing of tempers. In spite of exaggerations, standardized wit has, in fact, given a caricature of the truth, the stock figures of fun also grotesque parodies with some reality about them. Perhaps they are, but repetition, at any rate, has ceased to make them funny. *Manchester Guardian.*

A PERFECT COUPLE

On a fine Sunday a big proportion of Parisians go to the Bois de Boulogne, and sometimes one is accompanied by one's wife; thus on February 3rd M. Rand and his spouse left their home to enjoy a few hours' radiant sunshine in ambrosial surroundings. The debut was happy, and the couple walked lovingly arm-in-arm to the motor-bus stopping place. Monsieur, ceding to the influence of the intoxicating atmosphere, jumped rather jauntily on the bus, assuming that Madame was following; but, to his amazement, discovered that she had remained behind. Descending as swiftly as he had ascended, he ran back and asked Madame why she had not jumped on. "I prefer the Metro" (Tube), she replied. The idea that his wife should have a preference contrary to his own so infuriated this model husband that he administered a couple of sounding smacks on the face, with resultant loud protests, which caused a policeman to come forward. Monsieur indignantly demanded to know why anyone should interfere between man and wife, and became so abusive that the custodian of the peace took him to the police station. There Monsieur unfolded his simple conjugal philosophy. "I am a staunch upholder of authority," he said, "and therefore I regret having insulted the policeman; but I ask the law to uphold the authority of the husband." Then Madame gave the dumb-founded magistrate an exposition of the correct principles which rule her domestic life, too. "It is all my fault," she declared. "He was quite right in smacking me for wishing to go by Metro when he preferred a bus. It is the duty of a wife to follow her husband." And she followed her proud lord and master home, for what could the law do to improve the relations of such a perfect menage?—*Daily Telegraph.*

THE TEMPERANCE LEAGUE.

EFFECT OF ALCOHOL ON THE
HUMAN BODY.

Sir George Paish presided at a luncheon for business and professional men given by the National Commercial Temperance League at Cannon-street Hotel on January 30th.

Mr. Arthur Evans, surgeon to the Westminster Hospital, describing the effects of alcohol on the human body, said that to-day they had no scientific grounds for believing that alcohol could cure anything. It had been proved that the power of the blood to fight disease was remarkably diminished after the taking of even small quantities of alcohol. He was not talking about drunkards, but about the people who took alcohol in small quantities. The death-rate from pneumonia among abstainers was 38 per cent., but among intemperate people it was 52 per cent. Alcohol, if taken in large quantities, diminished hemoglobin, and if long continued, led to anemia. It was all "bunkum" to say that alcohol enriched the blood and improved a man's vitality. (Cheers.) All known facts were against the use of alcohol from the medical and surgical point of view.

The Chairman said that if they could bring about the abolition of the taking of alcohol in this country, the effect on the happiness, health, and well-being of the people would be very great, and they would be helped to solve problems that at present seemed insoluble.

Mr. Leif Jones, M.P., said that, from the temperance point of view, they had a better House of Commons than they had had for a long time.

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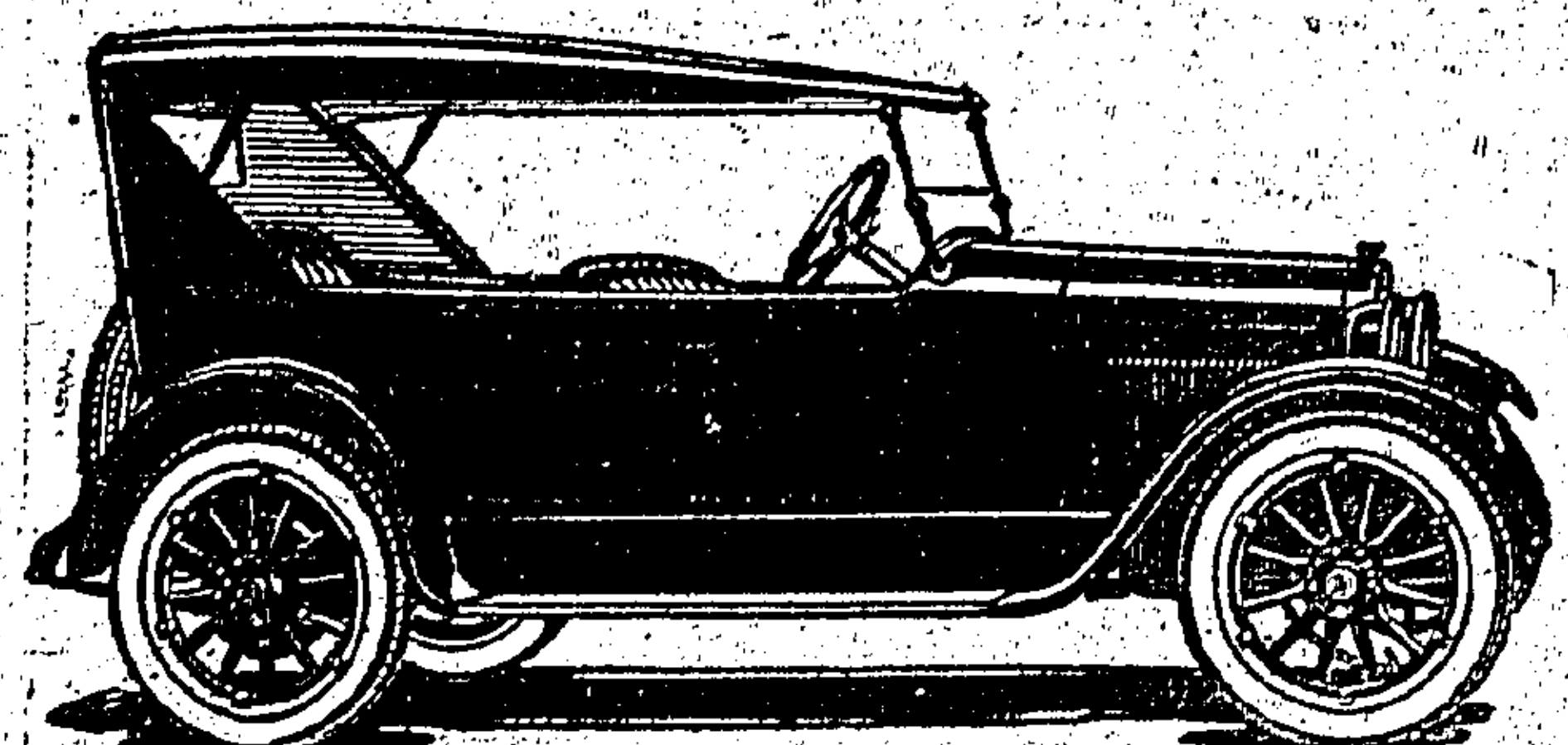
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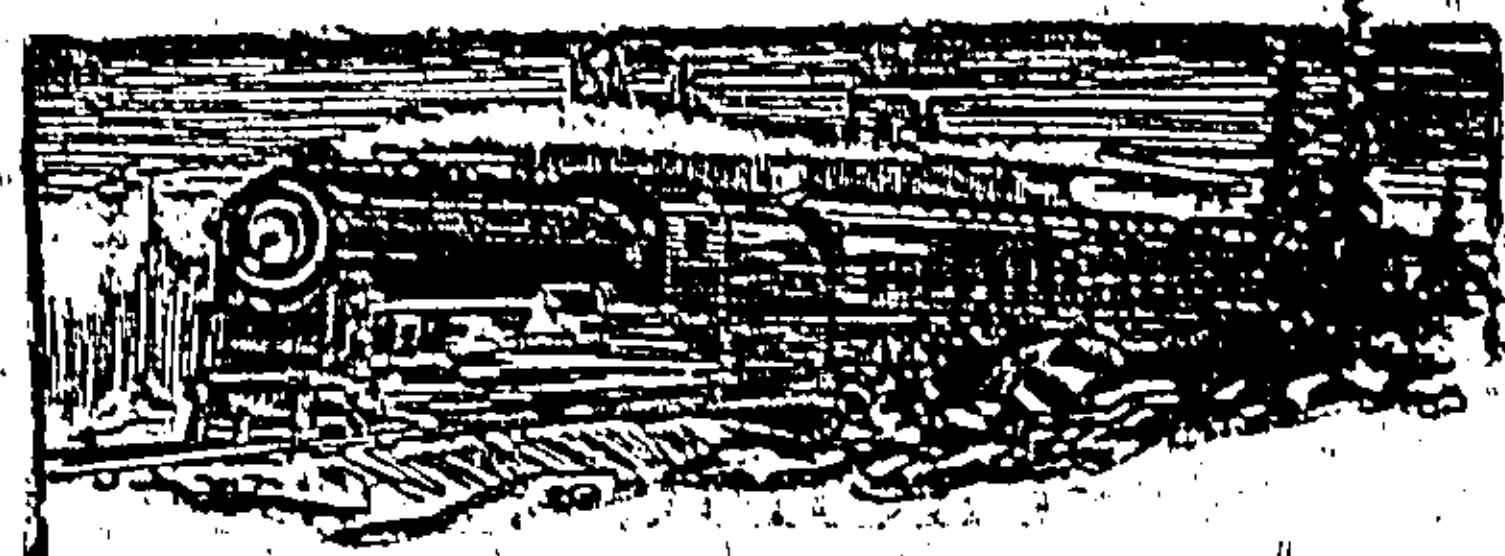
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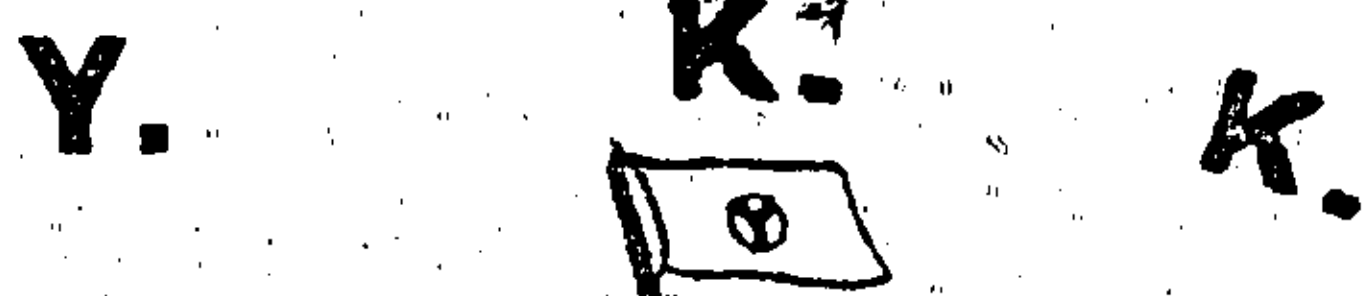
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THE DESTRUCTION OF
REGENCY STREET.
A CALAMITY FOR LONDON.

It may in great earnest be contended (says Mr. A. Trypan, Edward, in the *Architect's Journal*) that if Westminster Abbey were reduced to ashes, the artistic prestige of London would not be so seriously diminished as it now is through the destruction of Regency Street. After all, we have quite a number of excellent Gothic churches, but only one Regency Street. The Abbey is an isolated structure, much favoured by fortune. A creature of privilege, it is encouraged to withdraw the beam of its garment from contact with its neighbours. Without in the least disparaging this ancient fa ne one may say that its architectural virtues have something in common with the virtues which belong only to Sunday. But the merit of Old Regency Street may be compared with the supreme magnificence of ordinary life, the conduct in circumstances of extreme complexity and difficulty. The analogy seems even more complete when we consider that just as Sunday virtue often accompanies a far from faultless behaviour on the remaining days of the week, a fondness for Westminster Abbey is often paraded by people who in all other architectural matters (and especially those which concern the civic aspect of buildings) show the most execrable taste.

The cultural significance of Regency Street far greater than is that of Westminster Abbey. And its worth as an example, as the basis of a noble tradition of building was never more precious than to-day, when there are signs of a revival of public interest in civic architecture. The remnants of Old Regency Street were a rebuke to the vulgarity of our modern commercial buildings. In the quarter where this rebuke was most needed it was the most recent. "We can do better than Regency Street," say some of our modern designers. Perhaps this claim will be more firmly established when Old Regency Street is out of the way!

THE NEW VICTORIA
STATION.
SECOND LARGEST IN LONDON.

Victoria Station, now divided into two sections by the Brighton and South-Eastern systems of the Southern Railway, is to be replanned and made, in the course of a year or so, into one great terminus. By this change, Victoria will become one of the finest, and probably the second largest, station in London. Liverpool Street, with its eighteen platforms and sixteen acres, to-day takes second place; the first being held by Waterloo, which is twenty-four acres in extent and has twenty-one platforms.

Assuming that the new Victoria Station will have the same number of platforms as the two sections have now between them, it will beat Liverpool Street by one, and its acreage will be substantially greater. For the Brighton section alone is fourteen acres. What makes the Brighton Station larger than it seems to be is the great length of its platforms, the longest of which runs out to 1,500 ft., which is considerably longer than either Liverpool Street's longest (900 ft.), or Waterloo's (800 ft.).

Though Liverpool Street is the second largest station in London, it is not so large as the Waverley in Edinburgh, which is eighteen acres in extent and contains nine platforms, the longest being 1,050 feet, thus beating Victoria by 150 feet, though it must be borne in mind that it is not a terminal, but a through station. Two other through stations have platforms exceeding the length of the longest at Victoria, namely, Aberdeen (1,500 ft.), and Crewe (1,500 ft.).

In number of platforms, Clapham Junction, Manchester Victoria, and Glasgow Central run the largest London stations very close, each having seventeen. And in one respect Clapham Junction beats altogether any central London competitor, for it has 1,730 trains passing through every twenty-four hours, whereas the number in and out at Liverpool Street is the highest, 1,260, at Waterloo 1,160, and at Victoria (Brighton line), 700. Edinburgh Waverley has 1,000, Newcastle Central 654, Manchester Victoria 780, and Glasgow Central 800.

SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF
RED ARMY.M. TROTSKY'S REVIEW OF THE
GROWTH OF THE SOVIET.

[ROSTA NEWS AGENCY.]

Moscow, February 21st.
In an article written on the occasion of the sixth anniversary of the Red Army, M. Trotsky, after making an historical survey of its growth and development, writes in part:—

"The international situation we face on this day of the sixth anniversary has changed for the better for us. One state after another recognizes us, or is preparing to do so; *de jure*, which means that they recognize that we exist on a 'lawful basis'. The Red Army takes due note of this.

"However, the Red Army has long since learned to look upon the Revolution as the most lawful basis of the Workers' State. The very fact, indeed, that six years were needed for the bourgeois governments—and then only a part of them—to recognize our existence, is the best evidence of the enmity surrounding the first Workers' and Peasants' State.

"This is why," states the People's Commissary of War of the U.S.S.R.—"the Red Army, reduced five times from its former numbers, enters into the third biennial period of its existence with a profound conviction that it is still, as before, wanted by the Socialistic mother country to keep watch on her national independence and progress."

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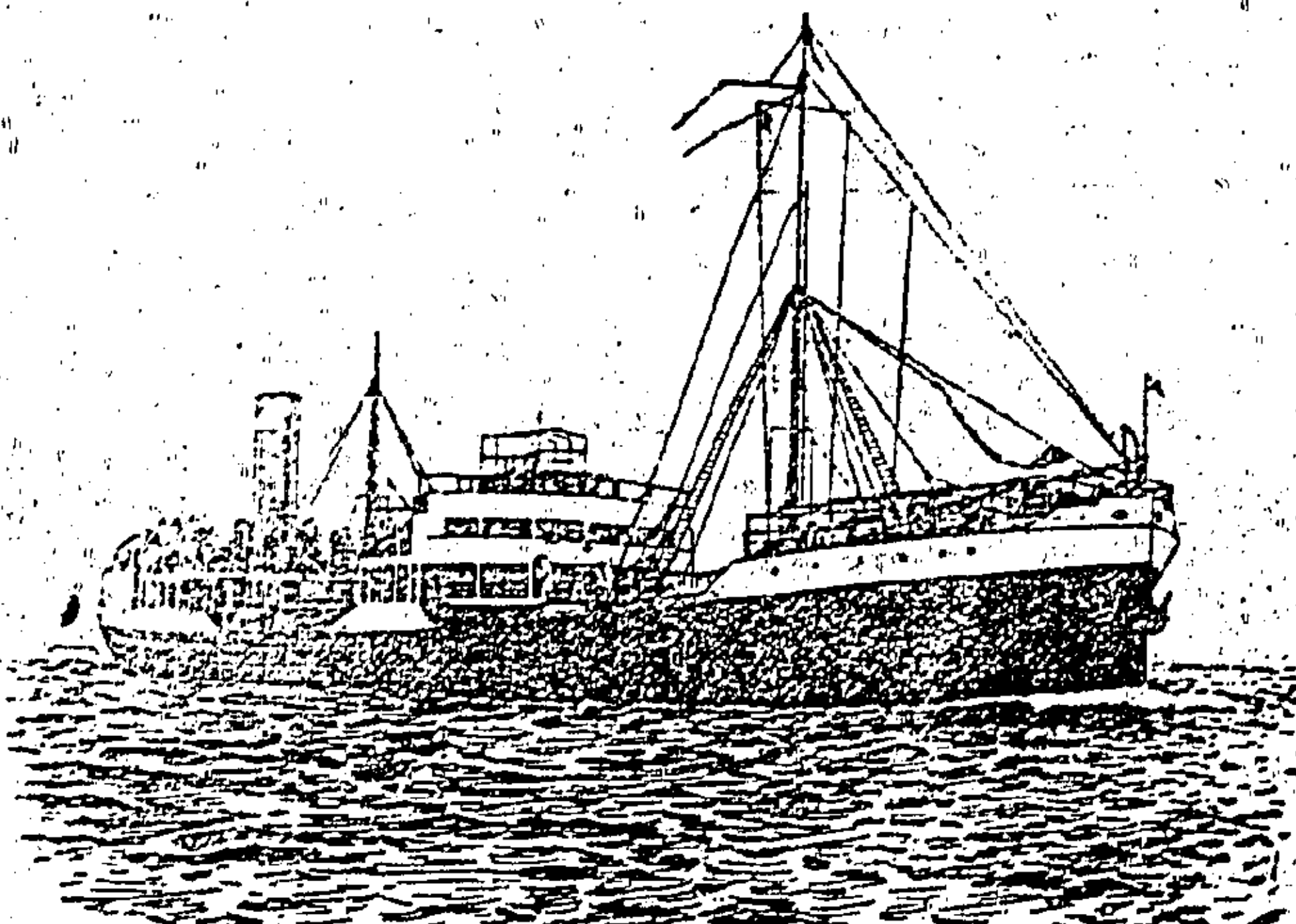
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